

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP INC  
Form 8-K  
December 10, 2008

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM 8-K

#### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: **December 10, 2008**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

### PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-16725**  
(Commission file number)

**42-1520346**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**711 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50392**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**(515) 247-5111**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The slide presentation attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated herein by reference, will be presented at Principal Financial Group, Inc.'s Investor Day Conference on December 10, 2008 and may be used by the company in various

other presentations to investors. The slide presentations are furnished and not filed pursuant to instruction B.2 of Form 8-K.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99 Slide presentation presented at Principal Financial Group, Inc.'s Investor Day Conference on December 10, 2008. The slide presentations are furnished and not filed pursuant to Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Tom Graf  
Name: Tom Graf  
Title: Senior Vice President Investor

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Date: December 10, 2008

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